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SUBJECT: REPLY TO SOVIET PROTEST ON EC MEETINGS IN
BERLIN

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1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GOODBY DELIVERED THE
REPLY TO THE SOVIET PROTEST ON EC MEETINGS IN BERLIN
(REFTELS) TO SOVIET COUNSELOR VASEV ON FEBRUARY 10.
GOODBY PREFACED THE REPLY WITH A STATEMENT THAT THE
US ALSO CONSIDERED THE MATTER IMPORTANT AND HAD GIVEN
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO ITS REPLY.

2. AFTER HEARING THE REPLY, VASEV ASKED ON WHAT BASIS
THE US PROCEEDED IN SANCTIONING THE INVOLVEMENT OF
THE WSB IN THE EC. GOODBY REPLIED THAT THIS WAS A

RELATIONSHIP WHICH PRECEDED THE QA AND WHICH THE QA DID NOT CHANGE. THE ALLIES WERE AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN BERLIN AND HAD TAKEN THE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WSB AND THE EC DID NOT VIOLATE THOSE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. VASEV SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT SAW THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE WSB IN THE EC AS ANOTHER STEP BY THE WEST TO INCORPORATE THE WSB INTO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. HE SAID THAT THE EC TREATIES, WHICH ARE EXTENSIVE AND COMPLEX, WERE BEING USED TO GET AROUND THE FACT THAT THE WSB ARE NOT PART OF THE FRG. HE ADDED THAT THE WSB HAVE NO STATUS WITH THE EC EXCEPT THROUGH THE FRG AND THAT ATTEMPTS TO DEVELOP THE EC-WSB RELATIONSHIP WEAKEN THE QA.

4. GOODBY REITERATED THE ALLIED POSITION THAT THE WSB ARE IN THE AREA OF APPLICATION OF THE EC TREATIES AND THAT MEETINGS OF EC BODIES IN THE CITY ARE PROPER. HE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT AGREE THAT THIS SITUATION WEAKENED THE QA, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE QA DID NOT AFFECT PRIOR RELATIONSHIPS.
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5. VASEV CONCLUDED THAT HE WOULD REFER THE REPLY TO HIS AUTHORITIES WHO HE WAS SURE WOULD NOT BE SATISFIED, AND THAT WE WOULD BE HEARING FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT. VANCE

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